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Editorial

Our attention has been drawn, particularly after the trouble with the Seafarers' International Union, to the antics of reckless union leaders and their too willing followers. Organized labour is such an accepted thing today that criticizing it is practically as bad as attacking religion, motherhood or the home. Certainly I will admit that unions have been a necessary factor in the growth of industry since the turn of the century, but they have now become a drag on our economy with their constant abuse of the power vested in them. Because of the wide division of labour in our economy today, these groups are in a position to disrupt, or even halt, the commerce of the nation, and increasing foreign competition makes things even more difficult. Indeed, one of the real reasons why the United States lags behind the Russians in the field of space travel, and possibly nuclear weapons, is because of the continuous strikes and walkouts at missile bases and test sites. Over a five year period they had 330 strikes and walkouts, with a loss of 163,000 priceless man-days. Thus we are living in an age when the best man doesn't get the job, that is now determined by the seniority list. We are living in an age when unionism breeds conformity, and deprives the non-professional worker of any significant goal toward which to strive, as far as his occupation is concerned. The solution?...take away the monopoly powers of unions and restore the right of the company to fire a man who isn't doing the job. J. Reynolds

PRIZE-WINNING FILM TO BE SHOWN TONIGHT

Pather Panchali adapted from a popular Indian novel of the same name by Bibhutibhushan Bandopadhyaya was director Satyajit Ray's first attempt. However, it received more international prizes than any other picture. One of these prizes was the "Grand Prix" for the Most Human Film at the Cannes Film Festival. It is the story of a lively, sensitive young girl, Durga, (portrayed by Uma Das Gupta) who emerges from childhood into womanhood. Like teenagers anywhere in the world, she is one day playing games with her little

brother and the next day experimenting at being a grown-up. The film was started in 1952, but wasn't finished until 1955 because the lack of financial backing forced Ray to stop work several times, once for as long as six months. However, the end product was a film that has made movie history. The S.C.M. Film Society is pleased to present this film at 8:30 pm to-night in Room 16. Everyone is welcome.

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ATTENTION: SPECIAL CONTEST -

Everyone Eligible
Submit in 25 words or less:
'The best way to poison the student mind is.....'
The winner will be given a free SCM cabinet position as the Minister of Propaganda.

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IMPRACTICAL THEORY

An allegory for these times, from the editorial page of The Mercury, published at Guelph, Ontario. "When the teacher in a high school class in economics found that his pupils were in favour of the theory of taking from those who had more than enough and giving to those in need, he announced that beginning immediately, he would put the system in operation in the class. He would subtract from the grades of the top students, and add it to the grades of the poorest students, so they all would have an average grade. "The first month of the system worked pretty well. The grades of the best students were high enough to offset the deficiency of the lower ones, and the class average was above the passing mark. Then the situation changed. The top students saw no reason to put forth extra effort required to get good grades, with which they would not be credited. The medium students put forth less effort for they were assured of passing grades. The duller did not work at all, since they would pass with the aid of the grades taken from the others. So, while at first the system provided passing grades for all, within a very short time the entire class was failing. They then realized that this socialistic-communistic theory was impractical."

(Taken from: Notes and Anecdotes,
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FOLK SINGING

In place of the regular Wednesday S.C.M. lecture, which has been cancelled this week because of unanticipated difficulties, the S.C.M. is presenting a folk singing session. In Room # 7 at 12:15, the Rev. John Guy (with his guitar) will lead in an hour of folk songs, which will include popular contemporary folk music; and American negro spirituals, accompanied by an explanation of their significance to the group which originated them.

Lecture series resumes next week.

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WATCH IT!

You may think that the Lakehead College of Arts, Science and Technology is just a small, insignificant college compared to some of the other universities in Canada. Let me tell you that this is absolutely false. It is rated with the top universities in Canada, in at least one respect, and that is in the eyes of the R.C.M.P. A little consideration will show you why. This is a growing college which will soon send out graduates to many parts of Canada, and will eventually have a direct or indirect influence on the government of Canada. But more important, consider the community in which this college is located. As Dean Rothney mentioned in his opening remarks on the first day of school, the Lakehead is truly a cosmopolitan community. It is also a seaport at which foreign ships call. To keep these ships under observation the R.C.M.P. patrol the harbour and vicinity in the "Beaver". However, the danger which is more serious is that in the minds of the citizens-to-be. That is why the R.C.M.P. has seen fit to keep on its payroll so-called "campus informers." 'You must be kidding! An informer on this campus?', is the typical reaction. But look about you and think: the federal member of parliament for Port Arthur is one of the hierarchy of the N.D.P., and the provincial member for Fort William is also a New Democrat. I'm not for a second suggesting that the N.D.P. is in any way connected with communists, but it is a socialist party. As in any political party, it is conceivable that it has its radical wing who, contrary to the wishes of the N.D.P., are coming quite close to the communist philosophy. You might also note that Port Arthur was one of the few communities considered to have enough Communist supporters to warrant running a candidate. Contrary to what you may have read or heard, the "campus informer"

does not submit written reports to the R.C.M.P., but rather meets informally with a senior R.C.M.P. officer to chat over campus happenings, activities, and trends. Certainly during these chats some names are mentioned, but there is no intention of informing on particular individuals. The main idea is to make sure that advance notice is received of any dangerous or potentially dangerous groups or persons. So, don't be afraid to speak up, the R.C.M.P. is not going to put you on their mythical 'black list' just because your name is mentioned in campus activities. They are on the lookout for general trends rather than particular individuals.

....Anonymous

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THE DEBATING CLUB

This Thursday, October 31, at 12 noon, in Room 13, the Lakehead College Debating Society will hold its first meeting. We hope that all who are interested in debating will be there. During the coming year, we hope to have some interesting debates on various issues that pertain not only to current events, but also to college affairs. We hope the participants in our debates will be from the student body at large as well as members of the club. Once again, we hope that everyone who is interested will endeavour to attend.

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STUDENT PLACEMENT SERVICE

For some reason or other students have not availed themselves of the opportunity to register with the Student Placement Office here at the College. It is essential that all those looking for jobs for next summer register before Christmas so that the Student Placement Officer will have ample time to contact employers. Please register as soon as possible.

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Just a reminder that the S.C.M. Book Room is open every day from 12:00 to 1:00 with an interesting selection of inexpensive paperbacks covering a wide range of subjects.

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DUE TO MID-TERM EXAMINATIONS THERE WILL

BE NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK.

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